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Subject: RE: EPA's Scoping Letter, Bremerton Waterfront Infrastructure Improvements EIS
Attachments: 18-0035-BLM MOU Cooperating Agency for Willow Master Develop Plan.pdf

Good morning, Christine

Emily is out today, and I'll follow up on this one.

I looked over MOU language from other existing MOUs where we are a cooperating agency. Regarding the commitment of funds- we've captured under joint responsibilities of the Parties to "Each party agrees to fund its own expenses associated with the [project] EIS process"; and under misc. "Nothing in this MOU obligates the Parties to obligate or expend funds in excess of appropriations."

I would recommend that the language reflect those existing signed MOUs where possible. Attached is one from a project with BLM in Alaska that was signed in 2019.

And yes- I am the right addressee for the letter.

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Good Morning Emily:

Thank you for the feedback. Regarding paragraph k, the Navy did not intend to fund EPA's participation as a cooperating agency for this EIS. If that paragraph is confusing, we can revise it to clarify (perhaps "Use EPA resources and funding to support the execution of its cooperating agency responsibilities as outlined in this letter").

Is the letter addressee appropriate? The letter is currently addressed to: Rebecca Chu, Chief, Policy and Environmental Review Branch

Thank you,
Chris Stevenson

From: Bitalac, Emily <Bitalac.Emily@epa.gov>

Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 11:18 AM

To: Stevenson, Christine CIV USN NAVFAC NW SVD WA (USA) <christine.stevenson.civ@us.navy.mil>; Chu, Rebecca <Chu.Rebecca@epa.gov>

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: EPA's Scoping Letter, Bremerton Waterfront Infrastructure Improvements EIS

Hi Chris,

Thank you for sharing the draft letter with us.

After reviewing your letter we offer the following feedback:

For the purposes of your letter, you can submit the request to have EPA participate in the NEPA process in the ways listed. However, in responding to this request, EPA will need to coordinate through our Office of Regional Counsel as the invitation letter functions also as the MOU between Agencies.

For part K of the letter, is the Navy proposing to contribute to EPA via an Interagency Agreement funding for EPA's participation as a cooperating agency?

I am also sharing an example of a MOU between EPA and BLM as an example in case you find this helpful.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Emily

From: Stevenson, Christine CIV USN NAVFAC NW SVD WA (USA) <christine.stevenson.civ@us.navy.mil>

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Good Morning:

Thank you for agreeing to review the draft invitation letter. This will help ensure we are in agreement before we start formally exchanging signed correspondence. The attached letter format is very similar to other Navy Cooperating Agency letters, but reflects the proposed relationship between the Navy and EPA Region 10 for this EIS.

I'd appreciate your review and input by close of business Friday August 12, 2022. We're also available for a phone call to discuss as well.

Thank you, we look forward to working with you!

V/R,
Chris

From: Chu, Rebecca <Chu.Rebecca@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 3:21 PM
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Thank you Chris for the follow up. We appreciate the opportunity to serve as a Cooperating Agency and are happy to review a draft letter. I am going to be on leave for part of next week, returning on 8-8-22. I will let my supervisor know if you are on a tight timeline and Emily can coordinate with him on my behalf.

Hope you all are staying cool!

Rebecca

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Good Afternoon:

Thank you for being available earlier this month to discuss with us your scoping letter and the benefits of having EPA as a Cooperating Agency for our Bremerton EIS. I wanted to let you know that we are preparing a letter inviting the EPA to be a Cooperating Agency on this EIS. Once the draft letter is through Navy review, I would like to send it to you for your review as well.

Would that be OK? If all goes as planned, I would forward the draft letter to you by the end of next week.

Regards,
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Hi Rebecca:

Unfortunately, my morning is chock-full today. Would you be available for a call tomorrow?

V/R,
Chris

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Hi Christine

Thank you for reaching out! Emily and I have some time today: 10-10:30 and 9-9:30. Would either of those times work?

Rebecca

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Good Morning:

We received the EPA's scoping letter for the Bremerton Waterfront Infrastructure Improvements EIS. I read with interest the suggestion that the Navy invite the EPA to participate as a Cooperating Agency on the EIS. I was wondering if you had a few minutes for a phone call to chat about that?

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